

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

CHRISTOPHER SEAN BURRUS,

Petitioner,

v.

ROBERT JACKSON,

Respondent.

CASE NO. 2:23-cv-01968-BHS-GJL

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION  
AND AMENDING CASE  
SCHEDULE

This 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas action has been referred to United States Magistrate Judge Grady J. Leupold. Currently before the Court is Respondent's Second Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to file an answer and supporting state court record in this federal habeas action. Dkt. 45. In a sworn declaration, Counsel for Respondent states he requires an additional thirty days to prepare and file the answer and state court record because of the complex legal issues and lengthy procedural history involved as well as competing demands in other habeas actions. *Id.* at 2–3. Counsel for Respondent further states that he spoke with Petitioner's Counsel and Petitioner does not object to this request. *Id.* at 3.

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For good cause shown, the Unopposed Motion (Dkt. 45) is **GRANTED**, and the case schedule (Dkt. 40) is **AMENDED** as follows:

- a. Respondent shall file and serve an answer in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in United States District Courts not later than **July 18, 2025**. As part of such answer, Respondent shall state whether Petitioner has exhausted available state remedies and whether an evidentiary hearing is necessary. Respondent shall not file a dispositive motion in place of an answer without first showing cause as to why an answer is inadequate. Respondent shall file the answer with the Clerk of the Court and serve a copy of the answer on Petitioner and Petitioner's counsel.
- b. Petitioner may file a traverse not later than **August 8, 2025**.
- c. Respondent's optional reply to the traverse is due not later than **August 25, 2025**, which will be the date noted for consideration of the Amended Petition and relevant briefing.

Dated this 18th day of June, 2025.



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Grady J. Leupold  
United States Magistrate Judge